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## FIGHT

### On Tax-Dodging Corporations Begins.

### County Judges and Attorneys Meet and Urge Appointment of Special Counsel To Assist Attorney-General in Tax Suits Involving Millions.

### Justus Goebel Makes Strong Speech at Meeting.

At a meeting of the county judges and county attorneys of the State held at the House of Representatives, Frankfort, Ky., on Nov. 8, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the county judges and county attorneys of the State, in convention assembled, heartily approve and endorse the action of the State Board of Valuation and Assessment in placing upon the great corporations of the State, enjoying valuable public franchises and privileges, their just share of the burdens of taxation and we commend their acts to the people of the State as constituting the greatest tax reform of many years, and while we entertain the very highest regard and respect for the ability of the Attorney General and his assistants and the Hon. John L. Rich, of Covington, employed as assistant counsel, we are unwilling that any lack of counsel on behalf of the State should endanger the just and patriotic action of the State Board of Valuation and Assessment, and we recommend to the Attorney General and the Governor of the State that an emergency exists and that the most eminent counsel be employed to defend the action of the State Board of Valuation and Assessment in the United States Court."

Justus Goebel, of Covington, made a speech before the assembly, pleading for the employment of additional counsel for the State. Mr. Goebel said:

"Mr. President, Gentlemen and My Brother Kentuckians: I am most happy to meet with the county judges and county attorneys of the State. I am grateful beyond my powers of expression for the invitation of your President which permits my presence here, and asks some expressions from me on this occasion."

"You, the gentlemen of the respective counties of the State, who have been elected to office and charged by law to protect the interests of widows and orphans—estates in the hands of trustees—the every citizen and taxpayer who voted for you or against you, as well as those who did not vote at all; you, all of you, in your official capacity have sworn duties to perform, and out of gratitude to those who have honored you, you must have great desire to perform those duties well. With reference to the business of this day—the subject-matter here to be discussed—your sworn duty is to protect the interests of every taxpayer of the county you represent."

"Corporations Deny People Rights. You are here to consider in matter of infinite interest to your people as a whole. The subject involves an inherent and constitutional right which has long been denied them because of corporate avarice and greed and the weakness, if not dishonesty, of some in whom the people in the past have placed their trust."

"That the great common people should bear only their fair and just proportion of the burden of taxation is one of the greatest blessings to our kind for which my brother, William, labored and prayed and because of which he was finally assassinated."

"It is surprising that I am here filled with a profoundly earnest desire that the people of my State, of the State of my martyred brother, shall come into the enjoyment of a right to which in all law and in common honesty they are entitled?"

"Unjust Taxation Upon People. Too long, therefore too long, has there been unjust discrimination against the people, unjust and burdensome taxation upon the people as compared with what has been required to be paid by the big corporations of our

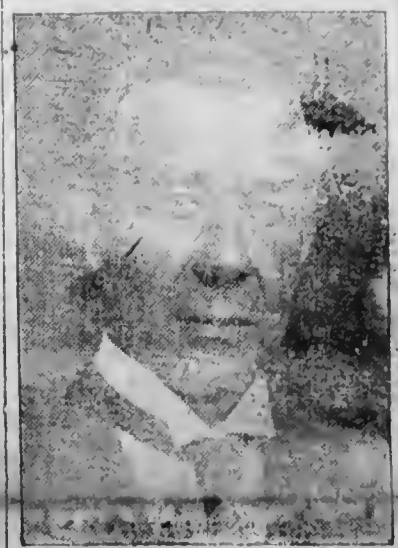
State. Corporations have boasted that the death of William Goebel was a benefit to the corporations. If this were true, the question is, how much longer shall the people be held in bondage because of his death?"

"God knows the corporations now suing the State have been able to procure (and the word procure is used advisedly) immunity long enough from paying their just share of the taxes."

People Are Awakening.

"A hundred million dollar increase in the value of corporation property for taxation opens a new era in the State's affairs and has awakened the people, and brought them to a realization of what has been done to them through all the years of the past. As certainly as truth, though crushed to earth, will rise, just so certainly will there be a further awakening which will correct abuses equally as great as unequal taxation, and its effect will be that henceforth every man who would hold office by procurement of the people must be a progressive, and no limitation, no mere pretender will satisfy them; they will sweep aside and into oblivion as old chaff any man who hesitates or dares to stand in the way of improvement and betterment of conditions for the whole people."

"No one doubts, had William Goebel been permitted to live, that that which was recently done by the Board of Valuation and Assessment would have been done more than a decade ago, and today, instead of the large public service corporations fighting in the courts and by sinister methods endeavoring to perpetuate unjust and unequal taxation; attempting to throttle the action of the present State tax board, the first to act fully in the interest of the people, such corporations would have long ago have been paying into the State, county and city treasuries their just proportion of the taxes."



JUSTUS GOEBEL. "Equality is all I want."

"Some of you may think this is mere speculation but to those who so think, I say—I know whereof I speak, and I believe the railroad will understand what he would do were he permitted to live."

William Goebel's Way.

"Had William Goebel been permitted to live, one of his first acts as Governor would have been a demand on the State taxing boards to deliver into the matter of value of the properties of the wealthy public service corporations of the State, and further that those properties be adequately assessed. If the Railroad Commission or Board of Valuation and Assessment had failed or declined to make assessments according to what was just and fair, he would instantly have called an extra session of the legislature and had it appoint a committee with directions to thoroughly investigate and report the true fair value of the property of such corporations."

"The facts thus obtained and presented by that committee and its experts he would have given to the public and simultaneous therewith would have gone forth his demand upon those State boards to assess those properties for taxation in accordance with the truth; if then the State board had still failed or refused to do their sworn duties to the people he would have impeached them and driven them from office. If the present Board of Valuation and Assessment had not done its full sworn duty by the people, that is just what should have been done to them, but, thank God, for once it has acted in the interest of the people."

"Necessity for action in the interests of the people has grown as years have passed, until it has developed into what is today a crying shame from which relief must come."

"It is very evident that in Kentucky, as in other States, big corporations will never pay a cent more of taxes than they are made to pay."

"Gentlemen, I am going to prove it in a few minutes. Take the case of the C. & O. Railroad. Where is Mr. Wall? I would like for him to hear me."

Low Valuation of C. & O. Railroad.

"Take the case of the C. & O. Railroad. In 1911 that road on its entire system in Kentucky paid taxes on a total valuation of only \$3,113,000, whereas, the street railway company of the city of Louisville was made to pay on a valuation of \$1,200,000. Think of it, gentlemen."

"The C. & O. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$2,171,153, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$2,743,360; whereas, the board found that their 1912 assessment should be \$18,798,630. The C. N. O. & T. P. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$3,113,000, whereas, the board found that their 1912 assessment should be \$10,674,000. The C. in 1901 paid taxes

on a franchise valuation of only \$1,353,570, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$1,510,320, whereas, the board found their 1912 assessment should be \$14,745,957. The L. & N. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$6,504,570 and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$11,899,290, whereas, the board found their 1912 assessment should be \$45,428,074."

Fight Must Be to a Finish.

"I want to tell you gentlemen, that that assessment is fair and just, and if we get justice in the courts we will win. But, no less a man than the Hon. William J. Bryan, the great champion of the people, has stated that courts do not always do justice to the people; and that other great champion of the people, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, said the same thing, and recently charged that some of the judges had sat on the bench proved dishonest. Gentlemen, I want you to go into this fight, with an ardent heart and with loyal lawyers, and fight to a finish and to death, if necessary. Now, I want to say to you I am no corporation hater. I am a business man. I know we have to have corporations, and big ones, but we don't have to have them to the disadvantage of the people. I want them to have dividends. But I do not want them to reap them at the expense of the people and the other taxpayers. Let them pay what the other taxpayers pay. Equality is all I want."

"Without exception all these companies and the two others now suing wanted the same assessment for 1912 that they had in 1911. The Board of Valuation and Assessment based their 1912 assessments on convincing proof of values placed before them, and the assessments are uniformly just and fair, and of the more than four hundred corporations assessed by the board this year, only eight have protested in the court, and these are among those that have always proportionately paid the least."

State Robbed of Millions.

"In the last twelve years, since the death of William Goebel, the State, counties and cities have been robbed (and the word robbed is the only word that fits the case) of more than ten million dollars in taxes."

"I am going to prove it."

"In the years from 1902 to 1911, inclusive, a period of ten years, there has been an average increase in the franchise assessments of the four largest railroads in the State of only 24 per cent yearly."

"Think of it! and this almost unbelievable record of astonishingly small increases was made in the ten best years for earnings that the railroads of this country ever saw."

Inadequate Taxation of Railroads.

"The picture here presented of the previous inadequate franchise assessments is astounding, but when one examines into the situation regarding the tangible assessments made by railroad commissions of the properties of four of the corporations now suing the State, the word 'astounding' is inadequate and here must be supplanted by the word 'dumbfounding' to state more correctly what the tangible assessment picture actually presents."

"Take the case of the C. & O. R. R. and the records show that the tangible property of this company in 1902, 20 years ago, was assessed at \$3,019,577. Notwithstanding the much added mileage of road, double tracking of a vast system, requiring much new real estate, probably more than doubling the equipment of engines and cars, and meantime increasing by earnings the value of its stock 650 per cent, this company's tangible property was assessed in 1911 at only \$4,270,270, or 21 1/2 per cent less than in 1902, 20 years ago. Further comment to show that our State has been robbed is unnecessary."

"The other railroads have been similarly inadequately assessed on their tangible property for many years."

Corporations Prevent Honest Valuations.

"In fact, until this year the Board of Valuation and Assessment has been controlled in the interests of the wealthy corporations by some book or creed, either friendly, political favor rendered or to be rendered, bribery or intimidation, but never before has the State, counties or cities been given what they were rightfully entitled to."

"Another of the many examples of flagrant abuse of public trust."

"I wish I could leave out of my remarks what I am about to say, but that is impossible under present circumstances. Until now, I have said very little about the L. & N. Railroad. Some may say that I have an old animosity to the L. & N. Railroad Company, because of the assassination of my brother. I say, gentlemen, that is a mistake. In my state of health and at my age I have nothing but love for my fellowmen, whether they agree with me or not. Next to the last words that my dear brother spoke were these: 'They do not understand, I forgive them. There may be some who new do not understand me, Gentlemen, the men elected to office did not do their duty. I hate to say so, but I am here to speak the truth, and all I have fought for in the past seven months is justice and fairness for the people.'

"Another of the many examples of flagrant abuse of public trust is to be found in the records of our State pertaining to the franchise assessments by the Board of Valuation and Assessment of the L. & N. R. R. In 1901 this company's franchise assessment was \$6,504,570. In 1902 the assessment was increased to \$10,774,800, and the L. & N. brought suit to enjoin the State from collecting on the increase of \$4,270,230."

"I said a while ago that the corpora-

## SCHOOLS CLOSE TO MOTHER EARTH

### What Corn and Potato Clubs Do For the Boys.

### GROWTH OF THE MOVEMENT.

Jefferson County Leads With Its Magnificent Gardening Land—How William Frey Grew Eighty-eight Bushels of Potatoes on One-fourth of an Acre.

Gradually the thinking school people are beginning to see and understand that if the parents will not go to the home and make itself felt. Nothing has helped more in this movement than the boys' corn and potato clubs in this and many other states. The tremendous growth of the movement is due largely to a national use of the children's enthusiasm and desire TO DO SOMETHING THEMSELVES. PLEASURE IN ACHIEVEMENT COMES FROM DOING IT YOURSELF, and pleasure in achievement is the largest factor in human life."

William and Walter Frey live about eight miles from Louisville in a splendid farming and gardening section of Jefferson county. When your reporter



A GOOD SHOCK.

visited them on Saturday, 2d of November, he found them busy storing "second crop" potatoes for the winter market.

William Frey, the older brother, grew one-fourth of an acre of potatoes this season. He harvested eighty-eight bushels of splendid tubers on the plot. When he was asked about the crop and its cultivation, he said:

"Yes, that yield was some better than most of the neighbors around here. You see, eighty-eight bushels on my little piece is the same as 117 barrels to the acre. Of course I did some things the neighbors didn't do, because I did all of my work from the directions the government sent me. Everybody plows manure under when they break the ground in the spring, but I used my two big wagon loads of rotted manure for a top dress after my potatoes were in the ground."

"The folks that came over here said my potatoes were darker green than any of the others in the neighborhood, and we all saw that the vines were mighty heavy," he said. I went over the patch three times with a fourteen tooth



WILLIAM FREY AND HIS POTATOES

cultivator, and I was careful not to let it get deeper than two inches. After that I gave it two workings with a five tooth cultivator."

"Yes, my potatoes will get the first prize this year in this county. It'll make the quarter of an acre pay mighty well, because it's \$30 in gold."

Walter Frey, the younger brother, has an acre of corn in the contest, but it had not been husked when your correspondent visited the farm early in November. The ground showed that careful work had been done during the summer, and the eighteen huge shocks that stood upon the acre gave promise of a big yield."

"I plowed the home county white that the state furnished us boys," he said in answer to my question, "but I only got about half a stand of corn, so I had to let some of our own home county for replanting the acre. Of course a bad stand is a mighty poor start in a corn contest. Next time I am going to test the seed so as to be sure about my stand."

"I used a lot of manure on this year, but a big windstorm tangled it so I had to quit early. I did cultivate it four times and didn't stir the ground more than two inches deep. The directions for corn make that a mighty strong point."

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## School Notes.

Arbor day has come and gone and the trees are planted and all who had a part in it are glad. School dismissed Thursday afternoon for a real holiday, and all the teachers and pupils entered into the spirit of the occasion with such zeal and enthusiasm that trees almost volunteered to come at their bidding. The patrons of the school also caught the mania of tree planting so much so that it was difficult to find room for all the trees that were brought. There was a little misunderstanding as to where different ones were to plant, and some were disappointed in not getting to plant where they most desired. But we hope that they will appreciate the fact that where so many are to plant that it is difficult to give each his special desire. The main object of all was to get trees planted on the campus and that now is done and we hope that all will join in the glad feeling that comes from seeing that the children's public play place now bears the appearance of a human habitation. By the combined efforts of teachers, pupils and patrons there were planted in the grounds 183 trees with room left for 6 more that will be set at once. We feel that our effort has not been, by any manner of means, a failure, for the State authorities undertook to plant 120 trees on the capitol grounds on Wednesday, Nov. 13, and only succeeded in planting 80. We undertook to plant 169 and planted 183. Now that is not so bad, is it. We never saw people more anxious to do a good deed than they were in West Liberty last Friday, and we feel glad that we undertook the enterprise. We wish to thank all who helped and those who could not help but wished us well in our labor of love for the children."

We promised last week that we would publish a list of all who took part in the tree planting, but we were unable to do so, for while we were gone to the woods to get trees many planted whose names we did not know and on that account we couldn't give all the names, so we will just say that we think most everybody in the neighborhood who could do so planted a tree or helped others to do it. In publishing the list of those who last week had volunteered to plant a tree, we omitted, by mistake, the name of the first man who volunteered to plant—Judge I. C. Ferguson. We mention this in justice to him as we made the mistake of leaving his name out of the list last week. He planted his tree and it is now a living monument to his memory, as are all others to those who planted. In the years to come when these shrubs have grown to stately trees, children of future generations will play beneath them and bless the memory of those who provided for them in years ago."

We love the spirit of universal help and can gladly shake hands with him who is willing to provide for the comfort of others when it works no inconvenience to himself. Instead of going around with a long face and pointing out the imperfections of people, predicting the worst things to happen and declaring the world is going to the bad, we love to see the man who holds the more optimistic view and looks out for a chance to feel good over a kindness done to humanity. We must not be a one-sided man. We must know that there are others who have opinions that, even though they are different from our own, are as much entitled to consideration as ours. So in life let us look for sunshine to come into our lives by doing deeds of kindness to those who need. With this view we can not fail to get "our money's worth" out of the little labor of love done last Friday for the children of now and af-

## terwhile.

Now let each watch our trees and see that they grow, and if they do not, plant another in their stead that we may accomplish the good which we have undertaken."

Again let us thank you, one and all, in behalf of the children, for your kindness in helping to plant the trees.

Your friend and teacher,  
NOAH CISCO.

## Local and Personal.

Mrs. Joan Maxey, of near town, is very sick.

Ezra Henry is visiting in Mt. Sterling this week.

Ernest Elam, of Elam, was in town Saturday.

James Lewis, of Yocum, was here on business Saturday.

Esq. J. E. Lewis, of Blaine, was in town Saturday on business.

Ira M. Nickel, of Panama, was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Miss Hazel Cottle was the guest of Miss Anna Maxey Friday.

C. D. Arnett, of Arnett, attended Court the first of the week.

Esq. S. S. Dennis, of Eze, attended Court the first of the week.

M. J. Long, of Long, attended Circuit Court the first of the week.

Esq. Franklin Waters, of Nettell, was in town on business last week.

B. J. Elam, of Sayreville, was in the city on business Saturday.

T. J. Elam, of Farnes, was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Libert Edgall, of U.S.A. is visiting relatives in town Monday.

Rev. H. H. Ferguson, of Dingus, called to see us while in town Monday.

Riley Keeton, of Magill, visited his son Doris Keeton this week.

Rev. W. F. Lykins, of Grassy Creek, was a business caller at our office Monday.

Jan. M. Perry, of Blaine, is here this week looking after the interests of his clients.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, of Ohio, were visiting Judge I. C. Ferguson last week.

Chas. Sample, of Maytown, was here the first of the week attending Circuit Court.

D. M. Rowland, of Mima, and Lewis Adams, of Wrigley, called to see us Tuesday.

W. H. Steel, who returned home last week has been quite ill with la grippe for several days.

Cartes Stacy, of Cannel City, spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting friends in town.

Deputy U.S. Marshall Jack Patrick, of Sayreville, was here last week on official business.

Custer Jones and Dr. J. D. Whitaker, of Cannel City, were attending Court the first of the week.

Walter Stamp, who is attending school at Morehead, visited home folks from Tuesday to Saturday.

Attorneys, Haden Ferguson and Jno. A. Gray, of Sandy Hook, attended Court the first of the week.

Mrs. E. G. Boys and Miss Anna Maxey visited their brother, J. F. Maxey, of Dingus, Saturday and Sunday.

F. M. Peyton, of Jeston, was in town Friday on business and had his name enrolled upon our subscription list.

Miss Fern Cottle, spent Saturday and Sunday with her Cousin Miss Elsie Katherine McGuire, of near town.

Ed. Aarold, of Prestonsburg, with Peters & Co., was enlivening things in town this week and incidentally selling shoes.

John S. Carter has just completed and moved into a commodious new residence. John, you ought to have given an old fashioned "house warming."

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Elam, of Index, were in town Friday and called at the Courier office, and had the paper sent to his brother, S. P. Elam, at Camden, N. J.

Misses Vicie Lewis, Gladys Day, Kathleen Steel and Florence Cox, four of the prettiest of West Liberty's galaxy of pretty girls, paid the Courier office a delightful call Friday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Minnie Lacy on Thursday, Nov. 14. After devotional exercises and report from secretary, "money making schemes" were discussed. A Christmas Bazaar was planned, sending out formal invitations was voted out for this year. By any friend of the Society desiring to help by sending any useful, saleable article, same will be much appreciated and gladly received.

Also each member of the society has been given 25 cents which they are to invest and multiply. The one making the most of their quarter will receive a pretty souvenir at the open session of the Society first Thursday in February. The meeting closed with the announcement to meet at the home of Mrs. Evert Mathis Thursday, Nov. 21. All members are urged to be present, some important work to be done. Keep in mind the bazaar to be held just before Christmas.

## VALLEY FARM.

The Sophomores of the High School will stage the play, Valley Farm, at the High School Auditorium on Saturday night, Nov. 23rd.

Among the Jackson people attending the Circuit Court here we noticed attorneys T. T. Cope, W. N. Cope, Kelly Korb, Will Nash, R. A. Hurst, W. W. McGuire, city marshal C. J. Sewell, Jere Cardwell, Sam Cockrill, Reed Williams. There were from 30 to 40 others, whose names we did not learn, as witnesses in the Robinson case.

The following young ladies and gentlemen visited us and helped us to get out the first issue of the paper from our new office: Misses Maude and Cassie Wells, Fleta Hovemale, Myrtle Rose, Nancy Phipps and Sylvane Combs. Messrs. Kelly Carter, Willis Carter, L. N. Maggard and John Hovemale.

Lee Ferguson, of Index, had about 50 panes of fence burned Monday. It is supposed that the fire started by careless hunters, who were hunting without permission. Hunters would do well to bear in mind that it is a heavy fine to hunt on another's land without written permission.

Mrs. J. H. Schastina, of town and Miss Allen, of White Oak, were pleasant callers at the Courier office Wednesday.

Doyd, Steele and Kelly Walsh, of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting relatives in the country.

Paintsville, Ky.  
November 15, 1912

My Dear Editor:

I take this occasion to express to you my appreciation of an gratitude for the assistance given me by your paper in my recent race for the position of Appellate Judge. I am profoundly grateful to you, your paper, and other friends who supported me. The large number of good people of your community and section to whom I am under obligations in this respect preclude my being able to thank each separately in person or by letter, as I would like to do. So I am taking this means of thanking you, in return through your paper for the help and encouragement I received; and I wish to earnestly assure all that I am not less grateful for their support because I was unsuccessful.

I am gratified at the large vote I received under the conditions that existed, and while deeply grateful to all who helped to swell the number which caused me to run ahead of my ticket, I have no resentment against any who did not.

Yours sincerely,  
A. J. KIRK.

## EDITORS NOTE.

A casual reading of the above might lead someone to believe that the Courier supported Judge Kirk in his race against C. C. Turner. Such is not the case. We sold him advertising space and treated him with all the courtesy due an opponent in a political fight who is a gentleman, for such we recognize Judge Kirk to be. The Courier has space to tell but that doesn't mean that it ever falters in its loyalty to party principles.

SCHOOL PLAY, VALLEY FARM.

A drama in four acts, will be given in the High School auditorium by the sophomore class of Miss Wilson's room, Saturday evening, Nov. 23, at 7 o'clock, under the management of Mrs. Daniel, teacher of music. The public is cordially invited to attend this splendid play. Admission, 15c and 25c. The proceeds are for the benefit of the school.

Circuit Court convened here Monday morning with Judge J. B. Hannah on the bench and commonwealths Attorney Jno. M. Waugh at his post. The instructions to the grand jury were along the usual lines with emphasis on the offenses of whiskey selling and gun toting. Special attention was also called to the violators of the game and fish laws. Up to the time of going to press we have not gotten a report of the work of either of the juries.

The following gentlemen compose the juries:

GRAND JURY—J. Miles Nickell, Squire N. C. Geo. W. Steele, David N. Heny Polk Oakley, J. H. Reo, W. A. Elam, B. F. Williams, Lee Ferguson, Jas. P. Ferguson, Shade Combs, and Henry Nell. PETIT JURY—J. I. McGuire, Chas. Claypool, D. M. Rowland, Elijah Henry, W. H. Effen, Mathew Hale, B. B. Geredon, G. C. Byrd, J. R. Rat III, J. B. Williams, D. V. Cox, Chas. Sample, Tom Phipps, Jns. Wright Logan Murphy Jno. C. Benton, Paris Denton, Jas. Halsey Alex Pfeiffer, J. W. Bailey, J. J. Carpenter, Alex Whitaker, Lewis Adams and C. A. Mulins. Geo. W. Steele was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

If a horse stumbles give him his food on the floor instead of in the manger. The position necessarily taken in feeding strengthens the muscle of the knees and so removes the cause of the stumbling. A horse just brought from the pasture does not stumble.—Ex.

H. C. Turner, of Lexington, is visiting relatives.

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## Farmer's Corner.

### To Cure Gapes.

A very simple remedy for gapes is to get an old bucket or a very deep pan and cover the bottom with air slacked lime to about the depth of an inch, and cover the top with an old sack or any old piece of cloth that can be procured. Put chicks in and shake vigorously for about a second, but be careful and give small chicks a very small dose. If this fails the first time try it again. I have had it to cure them when you would have thought they would die any moment. It is best always to take the chicks in hand and give them a small dose "when the first get they sniffles," for that leads to gapes.—National Stockman and Farmer.

### Alfalfa a Good Feed For Hens.

All successful poultrymen feed alfalfa, many of them every day in the year. Some feed alfalfa meal, some alfalfa leaves and others alfalfa hay, allowing the hens to pick off the leaves. Alfalfa colors the yolk the dark orange that the pig priced market demands. It also furnishes an appetizing, healthful roughage, supplies material needed in the formation of the egg and is a mild laxative and is a good aid in keeping the hens in active working condition.—Farm Journal.

### Compost Experience.

The best place I have found for a compost heap is in a stall under the steers' or cows' feed. I have tried several kinds of compost heap, and find it pays better to put every thing you can in for bedding for stock, and then haul direct to the field as you clean it out, say once a week.

It is alright to have a small pen to put the things in you cannot use the bedding. I am trying to get more humus in my soil by sowing more crops to turn under, such as rye and peas. I sow rye in the fall for a cover crop and peas in the corn at the last working; turn the rye in the spring for corn and peas in the fall for wheat, and try to make all the compost I can in the stable for both.—Ex.

### A Gentleman.

A man that's clean inside and out; who neither looks up to the rich nor down to the poor; who can loose without squealing and who can win without bragging; who is considerate of women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and who takes his share of the world and lets other people have theirs.—New York Sun.

### To show The world.

The whole world knows something about the "Winning of the West," but there is very much that could be told of the magnificent country beyond the Mississippi river, stretching away for 2,000 miles westward and still westward toward the setting sun.

What reader hereof knows that Louisiana ranks next to the great states of the Pacific coast as a producer of lumber? Or that she is the greatest producer of sulphur, as of sugar? What reader knows how near the top of the list Oregon stands as a producer of hops, or Missouri as a source of lead, corn and cattle; what richness the valley of the Arkansas puts into the lap of commerce, which State has the most sheep grazing on its plains, what rivers of crude petroleum flow from the wells of Texas, or where the most rice or wheat is grown? How many know that in a river delta richer than that of the Nile, the people of California and Nevada are growing the finest cotton in the world, the best dates ever placed before an epicure, and table grapes that would make the mouth of Bacchus water? No breakfast table to-day is quite complete unless it is graced by the peerless navel oranges of California, but California, produces a hundred choice other products of the soil—raisins, olives, wine, nuts, figs—More than could be catalogued in a column of this paper. The State of Washington, possessing wealth so boundless that no assessor could estimate it, has room for more people than crowd the British Isles. Idaho,

Nevada, Montana, New Mexico—all the States of the rich empire, are offering wealth to the settler who comes to develop the land and improve the opportunities submitted to him.

It almost staggers the imagination to take even a glimpse at the wonders of the West, but at the San Diego Exposition these great States will present to the public visible demonstration of what they have done and are doing, with perhaps some prophesy of what will be done in the near future. They will present convincing reasons why men and women should desert the unhealthy environments of the crowded centers of the Old and the New World, and seek wealth and health, (which is more to be wished for,) in the great wonderland of Western America.

### Successful Compost.

Having almost no stock, just one horse and one pig, I make my compost heap as follows, and always have enough for about three acres of cotton and plenty also for the garden and orchard: I go into the woods and get a good load of nearly rotten pine straw and leaves, put them into the stable; after being there a week or so, begin my compost heap with them. Then all grass, etc., tidied up in the garden, perhaps a barrow load or two of sawdust from where the stove wood is sawed, then another load of straw and leaves just as they come from the woods the whole lot well dampened (if dry weather) and sprinkled with about fifty pounds of kaint, then stable litter again, and so on. The hog pen is littered with nearly all leaves, and that also goes on my compost heap. Save everything, even chicken feathers; it all helps to make a large heap.

Let the hens scratch about on the top of the heap, they don't do any harm, but good. I find that the pine straw leaves rot better with a trace of stable manure in them, but grass and green stuff of all kinds ferments and rots rapidly. My three acres of of Sunbeam cotton, manured with about six loads of this compost to the acre, looked like three bales in July.—James E. Thomas in Home and Farm.

### Sheriff Sale for Taxes.

By virtue of the taxes due the State and county for the year 1911 and on the 10th day of December, 1912, at the front door of the court house in West Liberty, Ky., at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., or thereafter, offer for sale for cash at public outcry, the land levied on as the property of Collins H. H. and to be made Tax \$5.97, \$2.45, \$0.40 interest, \$0.42 cost of sale, \$2.00 total, \$9.75.

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### Coal Tract for Sale.

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## OHIO MAJORITY IS BIG

INCOMING RETURNS INDICATE GREAT DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Cox Running Ahead of Wilson—Taft Will Run Second in Popular Vote of State.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 7.—Without definite figures upon which to base an accurate computation, the prediction that Mr. Woodrow Wilson would have a plurality of 75,000 and a maximum whose ultimate amount would be 200,000 still stands. The complete returns indicate that it will range between 100,000 and 150,000. The same canvass points to the lead over Wilson by Congressman James M. Cox in the final results. The Democratic nominee shows a better general average than the candidate for president, especially in the municipalities. The discomfited weakness in rural territory it now seems was magnified unduly. In certain counties Cox displayed unusual and unexpected strength.



JAMES M. COX, OF DAYTON, OHIO.

There is no longer the slightest question of priority of place in favor of President Win. Howard Taft over Theodore Roosevelt, and this definition applies as well to Gen. Robert H. Brown, the Republican nominee for governor, who has apparently finished well in front of Arthur L. Garford, the Progressive candidate. The third party, instead of an impressive sweep in Republican and doubtful territory, carried only a beggarly array of counties.

Interest Shifts to Judges. Interest has now shifted to the outcome of the highly contested contest for supreme court judges and to the official results in figures in the presidential and gubernatorial races. This interest is due to the many wagers and predictions made during the campaign. The official canvassing now being forward will not be completed until next Saturday at the earliest.

Usually it is the winners who make the least statements after the results are definitely known, but Democratic State Chairman W. L. Finley was so tired out that he fell into his bed in the afternoon before he had time to do more than say that the Democratic management is thankful for the victory won and hopes to justify the confidence given it. He thought Wilson would have about 150,000 plurality when all votes are counted. He issued no formal declaration.

Progressive State Chairman Walter F. Brown said: "The Progressives have just begun the fight. They will continue to fight until their cause is won. In three weeks we have accomplished more than any other party ever accomplished in three years."

Republican State Chairman Henry M. Daugherty said: "The Republican party never had as hard a fight. I feel in the regret that the party has not been successful in carrying the election, but in congratulating that the worst thing possible has not happened. The Republican party in the year 1912 has done what it has always done when a crisis threatened the country, performed a service that will add to its great strength and great credit in preventing the election of a third-term candidate, who sought to take possession of the party to gratify his personal ambition, and of men who were defeated honorably by Republican conventions who saw fit to run against or to antagonize the men who defeated them."

Elyria, O.—Arthur O. Garford, Progressive candidate for governor of Ohio, issued the following statement: "To the Progressives of Ohio who have fought the losing fight with such courage and devotion, I wish to extend my thanks and my congratulations on the splendid results achieved. As the result of the campaign just ended Progressive principles have become a vital factor in Ohio politics. Election is dead in our state. The Progressive party in Ohio has been outnumbered, not defeated."

Zanesville, O.—Gen. R. B. Brown, Republican candidate for governor, said: "It seems that we are badly defeated. We made the best fight we knew how, but our efforts have been in vain. I have to retire spots and no regrets. I am still a Republican, a believer in Republican principles, and if I had the campaign to fight over again I would fight it in just the same way. I am deeply grateful to my friends and neighbors for their support."

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## CORRESPONDENCE

NOTICE. Obituaries, Resolutions of Respect, and matters not of a purely news nature are charged for at 5 cents a line, six words per line, the money to accompany the article. Send in the news of your neighborhood, concisely written, but articles for which we have a fixed charge must be accompanied by the cash.

### PLINGS.

The infant child of Elisha Smith was buried last week.

J. I. Patrick bought one of A. J. Williams' farms and sold same to Clay Williams.

B. S. Williams, J. I. and B. H. Patrick, A. F. Blevins, ye seise and others attended Circuit Court, Monday.

F. H. Bailey, has been sick for some time with a complication of diseases.

Me. Kitchin Cooper and Mitchell, pipe line fore man, repaired a leak here Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Ferguson, of West Liberty, visited relatives here from Saturday until Monday.

T. G. Hamilton and wife, of Elanston, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ferguson, Sunday, at the home of U. S. Frakey.

A telephone line is being built from H. H. Holbrooks to E. D. Hamilton's and Sam Ingalls at Silver Hill.

Mrs. Susan Williams returned last week from visiting her sick sister at Farmer's Mrs. Mary J. Ingall.

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### SILVER HILL.

Dr. F. V. Wheeler is still at this place doing dental work.

T. H. Bailey who has been confined to his bed for three weeks with rheumatism but is thought to be improving.

Mrs. Win. Conley, of Red Bush, is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Julia Ross and Mrs. Rita Williams at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Pen Hamilton, of this place have gone to Van Lear to visit their daughter, Mrs. Mary Peffer and to locate them a place to move to.

Jim Daniel has moved into the property of S. D. Paipys.

S. D. Hamilton, and John Coffee, of Logville, passed through here yesterday.

Rev. Isaac Coffee says it is rough traveling up Salt River.

RANTS.

## NEW MIKADO IS DEMOCRATIC

Simple in His Habits and Opposed to Ostentatious Display When Land is Poor.

Yoshihito, the new mikado of Japan, is a personality almost unknown to the western world. He is educated and able and no one has suggested that in administrative affairs his hands are tied or that he is in any way lacking in forcefulness. Yet this ruler, who could be as ostentatious as he pleased, is said to have the peaceful good nature of a child. He cut the ministerial allowance for the late emperor's funeral 25 per cent, because he did not believe in display when there was poverty and distress in his land, and arranged to defray a part of the cost from his own palace fund.

It is related that he does not take very kindly to the oriental idea of being ever surrounded by bowing, humble courtiers and attendants, and that when on a drive from the palace through the streets of Tokyo he was so annoyed to see that the royal cavalcade was fenced by a saluting crowd and that traffic was entirely blocked that he ordered that in the future his drive should be along the less crowded streets.

When verging on manhood he went hunting and shot a deer. The cries of other deer, which he believed to be the children of the one he had killed, sickened him, and in his grief he wrote a poem regretting his act and has since declined to hunt.

He is democratic and is even said to have stolen away from the palace disguised as a workman and associated with his fellow toilers on terms of absolute equality.

### His Rest.

Pierre Loti, the famous French author, praised American energy at the Hotel Mario Antoinette in New York. "There's a story," he said, "that illustrates well the energy of your men of affairs."

"A gentleman called at the office of an indefatigable millionaire financier. It was four o'clock in the afternoon, and the financier lay back in his revolving chair with his feet on his desk, and a picture magazine in his hand."

"I've worked mighty hard for the last ten years without a day's vacation," he explained. "I feel all run down, and I'm now going to take a long rest."

"And a well-earned rest it will be," said the visitor, heartily. "The visitor departed, expecting that the millionaire would set out at once for Europe or California, but the next morning he saw him presiding as busily as ever at an important directors' meeting."

"Why, how about that long rest?" he asked. "The millionaire frowned in amazement. 'Didn't I take it yesterday afternoon?' he said."

### Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products. The islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

## Ohio & Kentucky Ry

TIME TABLE, Oct. 25, 1912

### EASTWARD

STATIONS	Daily	Daily ex Sunday
Licking River	11 30	7 15
Liberty Road	11 40	7 25
Index	11 50	7 35
Malone	12 00	7 45
Wells	12 05	7 50
Stacy Fork	12 10	7 55
Lewis	12 15	8 00
Caney	12 22	8 07
Cannel City	12 35	8 20
Adele	12 45	8 31
Helechava	12 52	8 38
Lee City	12 58	8 44
Rose Fork	1 06	8 52
Hampton	1 18	9 04
Wilhurst	1 25	9 11
Vanceville	1 32	9 18
Frozen	1 39	9 25
O & K Junction	1 57	9 43
Jackson	2 05	9 51

P. M. Ar. A. M. Ar. Daily ex Sunday

### WESTWARD

STATIONS	Daily ex Sunday	Daily ex Sunday	Daily ex Sunday
Licking River	1 25	7 10	
Liberty Road	1 35	7 20	
Index	1 40	7 25	
Malone	1 43	7 28	
Wells	1 48	7 33	
Stacy Fork	1 53	7 38	
Lewis	1 58	7 43	
Caney	2 05	7 50	
Cannel City	2 10	7 55	
Adele	2 20	8 05	
Helechava	2 25	8 10	
Lee City	2 30	8 15	
Rose Fork	2 35	8 20	
Hampton	2 40	8 25	
Wilhurst	2 45	8 30	
Vanceville	2 50	8 35	
Frozen	2 55	8 40	
O & K Junction	3 00	8 45	
Jackson	3 05	8 50	

A. M. Lv. P. M. Ar. A. M. Lv. Daily ex Sunday

In addition to the above, Sunday train will leave Jackson at 3:10 p. m., make connection at O. & K. Junction with L. & E. train No. 2, and run to Licking River, arriving there at 7:25 p. m., and will then return to Cannel City, arriving at 8:10 p. m. M. L. CONLEY, Gen'l Manager.

## LEXINGTON AND EASTERN

Effective October 25, 1912.

### WESTERN DIVISION.

No. 2	STATIONS	No. 4
Daily	Daily	Daily
1 35	Lexington	7 25
2 47	Winchester	8 03
2 53	O. & K. Junction	8 18
6 03	Clay City	8 50
3 47	Camp Hill Junction	9 37
4 04	Torrent	9 44
4 25	Battleville Junction	10 04
4 52	Athol	10 30
5 19	O. & K. Junction	10 57
5 25	Jackson	11 05
	Quick sand	11 25

### WESTBOUND

No. 1	STATIONS	No. 3
Daily	Daily	Daily
5 05	Duck and	1 25
5 10	Jackson	1 50
5 35	O. & K. Junction	1 57
6 03	Winchester	2 22
6 43	Torrent	2 51
7 04	Camp Hill Junction	3 12
7 21	Clay City	3 30
7 45	O. & K. Junction	4 05
8 50	Jackson	4 50
	Lexington	5 30

### EASTERN DIVISION.

No. 5	STATIONS	No. 9
Daily	Daily	Daily
1 30	Jackson	12 40 p. m.
1 35	Winchester	1 12 p. m.
1 50	O. & K. Junction	1 25 p. m.
2 10	Winchester	1 45 p. m.
2 30	Whitesburg	2 05 p. m.

LEXINGTON: Train No. 1 will make connection with the L. & E. N. Y. Lexington for Louisville, Ky. Train No. 3 will make connection with L. & E. Winchester for Cincinnati, O.

CAMP HILL: Trains Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 will make connection with Mount Airy Central Ry. to and from Camp Hill.

WELLS: Trains Nos. 1, 2, and 3 will make connection with the L. & E. Railway for Battleville, Ky.

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